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In re Application of:

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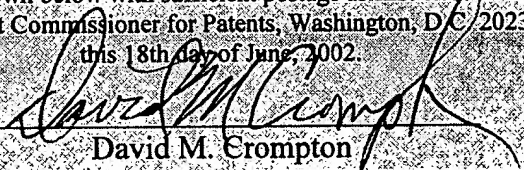
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By 
David M. Crompton

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9, 13 and 20, and add new claims 23-28 as indicated.

1. (Once Amended) An intravascular catheter comprising an elongate shaft having a lumen extending therethrough, the shaft including an inner polymer layer, a reinforcement layer disposed about the inner layer and an outer polymer layer disposed about the reinforcement layer, the reinforcement layer comprising a tubular braid having a first helical member interwoven with a second helical member and an axial member disposed between the first helical member and the